

SSCR 8418 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Local Government

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike the entire concurrent
2 resolution and insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, The complexity of federal, state, and local permitting
4 processes present coordinating challenges to regulators, project
5 sponsors, and interested stakeholders; and

6 WHEREAS, A more simple, coordinated, and efficient permit system
7 could promote economic development, support state and local land use
8 requirements, and provide environmental protections; and

9 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of permitting processes by a
10 diverse group of stakeholders that includes each major caucus in the
11 legislature and the governor is necessary to make recommendations for
12 changes;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
14 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
15 select legislative task force be established to evaluate and make
16 recommendations to the legislature regarding the processes established
17 by certain local governments, identified by the task force as being
18 generally representative of other local governments in the state, for
19 issuing permits to comply with: (1) Development regulations adopted
20 pursuant to the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW; and (2) the
21 requirements of the shoreline management act, chapter 90.58 RCW; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the evaluation and recommendations of
23 the joint select legislative task force be limited to the permit
24 processes established by counties subject to the requirements of RCW
25 36.70A.215 and the cities within those counties with at least fifty
26 thousand residents as of the adoption date of this resolution; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
28 force must invite the governor to join the task force for the purpose
29 of forming a "Five-Corners Task Force"; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
31 force be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the

1 senate land use and planning committee and the chair and ranking
2 minority member of the house of representatives local government
3 committee or their designees; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information that
5 the task force considers appropriate for the evaluation of permit
6 processes established by the local governments identified by the task
7 force; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established
9 to provide assistance to the task force, upon request of the task
10 force, that is limited to the specific scope and content requested by
11 the task force; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall be
13 composed of the following members or their designees: The director of
14 the department of community, trade, and economic development; the
15 director of the department of ecology; the director of the office of
16 regulatory assistance; a representative of a county, selected by the
17 Washington state association of counties; a representative of a city,
18 selected by the association of Washington cities; a representative from
19 the business community; two representatives from the environmental
20 community, one selected by 1000 Friends of Washington, and one selected
21 by the Washington Environmental Council; a representative from the
22 property rights community; a representative from agriculture; a
23 representative from labor; and a representative from federally
24 recognized Indian tribes; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a
26 chair from among its members for the purpose of conducting meetings and
27 transmitting information from the advisory committee as a group to the
28 task force; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the
30 task force may consult with the advisory committee; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the task force and
32 the advisory committee shall be provided by senate committee services
33 and the house of representatives office of program research; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force must invite staff from
35 the department of community, trade, and economic development, the
36 department of ecology, and the office of regulatory assistance to
37 provide additional staff support for the task force and the advisory
38 committee; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its
2 evaluations and recommendations to the appropriate legislative
3 committees by January 1, 2006."

EFFECT: Strikes all provisions of the underlying resolution and adds the following:

(1) Establishes a joint select legislative task force (task force) to evaluate and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the processes established by certain local governments for issuing permits to comply with development regulations adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act and the requirements of the Shoreline Management Act;

(2) Specifies that the evaluation and recommendations of the task force are limited to the permit processes established by counties and cities meeting specified criteria;

(3) Specifies that the task force must invite the Governor to join with it for the purpose of forming a "Five-Corners Task Force;"

(4) Specifies that the task force gather information for the evaluation of permit processes established by local governments identified by the task force;

(5) Specifies that an advisory committee be established to provide assistance, upon request of the task force, that is limited to the specific scope and content requested by the task force;

(6) Specifies the composition of the advisory committee, which must include directors or designees from the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED), the Department of Ecology (DOE), the Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA), and representatives from counties, cities, the business community, two members from the environmental community, the property rights community, agriculture, labor, and federally recognized Indian tribes;

(7) Specifies that in developing its recommendations, the task force may consult with the advisory committee;

(8) Specifies that staff support for the task force and the advisory committee must be provided by Senate Committee Services and the House of Representatives Office of Program Research;

(9) Specifies that the task force must invite staff from the CTED, the DOE, and the ORA to provide additional staff support to the task force and the advisory committee;

(10) Specifies that the task force must report its evaluations and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2006.

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